

Roster of 1787 George Clinton New York Excelsior Coppers

The following roster was compiled with the generous assistance of Saul Teichman, Wayne Burt, Erik Goldstein, Stuart Levine, P. Scott Rubin, and Anthony Terranova.



1. **MS63 Brown NGC.** Seavey Descriptive Catalog #158 (see plate); Bushnell lot 887 plated (but apparently not Bushnell's bought in), Lorin G. Parmelee; Parmelee Collection (New York Coin & Stamp, 6/1890), lot 452 (see 2nd plate), realized \$150 to Clay (H.P. Smith possibly bought in for Parmelee; unknown intermediaries (possibly Dewitt Smith, Brand journal #46444 – Dr Hall says to Page for \$160 but why does he have both this and the real Bushnell coin), Harper, Eric P. Newman (via Kelly see 8/2/1949 letter on Newman Portal – copied at end of this listing); Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society (Heritage, 5/2014), lot 30380 realized \$499,375.

Note: The Heritage Newman plate seems to match the Bushnell plate coin. Did Parmelee place the Seavey coin into the Bushnell sale in error and buy it back and then sell it his 1890 sale? What does the Bushnell piece really look like? Is it the one in Crosby? Is it Norweb's? See coin 4 below.



2. Uncirculated. British Museum (acquired in 1855).

3. Uncirculated. British Museum duplicate. Reported by Anthony Terranova, unconfirmed.



- 4. Mint State.** Bushnell collection, Page via Parmelee for \$160, Dr. Thomas Hall (per Dr Hall's notebook on the Newman Portal – see under Jackman coin); Virgil Brand in 1909 (journal #49986:457); Norweb collection in 1952; donated to the National Numismatic Collection at the Smithsonian Institution in 1982. This piece appears to match the Crosby plate.

457	1787 New York George Clinton Cent:- With Considerable Tracks of Red:- The Page Bushnell Specimen:- Crosby Pl.VIII-5:- Probably finest known; Extremely Rare	12/23/52	"	Unc.	<u>750.00</u>
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- 5. PCGS62BN.** William Sumner Appleton; Appleton bequest to the Massachusetts Historical Society in 1905; Stack's, 3/1973, lot 31, realized \$34,000, Stack's, 5/1975, lot 463; Archangel collection-StacksBowers 10/2018, realized \$168,000.



- 6. NGCAU58BN.** Rhode Island farmhouse, W.P. Brown, Dr Hall 8/1892, Allison W. Jackman after 1895; Jackman Collection (Henry Chapman, 6/1918), lot 142; Hillyer Ryder, unknown intermediaries; Theodore Grand Collection (Stack's, 12/1947), lot 14, realized \$500 to Eric P. Newman; traded to F.C.C. Boyd in exchange for his 1792 Silver Center cent in 1951; John Ford; private sale in 1973, Partrick-Heritage 1/21. Apparently sold to Jackman after Dr Hall purchased the Page collection in 1895.

Mr. Wall told me (Aug. 24, 1903) that he bought this large Clinton from Mr. Parmelee
 for \$160. and re-sold it to Mr. Page for \$190 a few years ago.
George Clinton.
 Purchased from W. P. Brown N. Y. through Mr. Parmelee. Aug. 1892
 at TTK. KK & very fine. Thought to be the second best specimen known,
 Parmelee's specimen sold to Mr. Page of Waltham being rated as the finest
 known and was sold to Mr. Page for \$160. This piece was recently
 found at a farm house in Rhode Island and has not been known to collect-
 ors until the present time. See Crosby page 321 Plate VIII No. 5
 Substituted Page fourth cent.
 Pax ac.



6. **PCGSXF40.** Vicksburg (Woodward 5/1888 lot 1539) see below, John G. Mills; purchased privately by James Ten Eyck; Ten Eyck bequest to the Albany Historical Society; Ten Eyck Collection (B. Max Mehl, 5/1922), lot 817; John Work Garrett; Johns Hopkins University; Garrett Collection, Part I (Bowers and Ruddy, 11/1979), lot 603, realized \$29,000, Kendall Foundation-StacksBowers 3/15 lot 2510, realized \$235,000. This is struck over an Immune Columbia.

9^o 1539 1787 New York. Cent. Bust facing r., GEORGE * CLINTON *; rev., State arms of New York, at the left stands Justice, with sword and scales, at the right Liberty, with staff and cap, behind her head a bundle of arrows, the points spreading toward eagle, who stands with out-spread wings, facing r., on section of globe above, in exergue the date, and EXCELSIOR. Very fine; several letters on border and the extra arrows show this specimen to have been struck over another coin, perhaps an English Halfpenny. Of the utmost rarity, only five specimens known. Cost \$135.00.



7. XF40 PCGS. U.S. Marshals Service Auction (Boston, 7/2000), lot 37; Rossa and Tannenbaum; Anthony Terranova; Joseph Lasser; donated to Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. (this is probably the Dewitt Smith, Brand journal #46444 coin; see M below)



8. **Very Fine or better.** Colonel Mendes I. Cohen; Cohen Collection (Edward Cogan, 10/1875), lot 2311, realized \$21; Thomas Warner; Warner Collection (S.H. & H. Chapman, 6/1884), lot 2093; John Story Jenks; Jenks Collection (Henry Chapman, 12/1921), lot 5492, realized \$200; unknown intermediaries; Donald Groves Collection (Stack's, 11/1974), lot 335, realized \$21,000; Laird U. Park; Park Collection (Stack's, 5/1976), lot 59; Ellis Robison; Robison Collection (Stack's, 2/1982), lot 154; William Anton.



9. **PCGS VF20.** Robert R. Prann; ANA Convention Auction (Numismatic Gallery, 8/1947), lot 603?; unknown intermediaries, Stacks 4/88, Heritage 8/14, Heritage 8/19 ANA (this is probably the Low 12/23/97, Brand journal #17761 example, see K below)



Newcomer Inventory on Newman Portal noting a piece in only Fine condition

1787	One Cent. Copper. Bust to right. "George Clinton" Reverse: Arms of New York. Date and Excelsior. Very rare.	Fine.	300.00
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10. **Fine 15 PCGS.** Newcomer (see description above), "Col." E.H.R. Green Collection; Green Estate; Robert R. Prann; ANA Convention Auction (Numismatic Gallery, 8/1947), lot 602; John L. Roper Collection, Second Collection (Stack's, 12/1983), lot 274; Gilbert Steinberg Collection (Stack's, 10/1989), lot 103; Colonial Coins & Medals FPL (Stack's, 1990), lot 135; John Royse Collection; Baltimore Auction (Stack's Bowers, 11/2012), lot 6056, realized \$218,500, Heritage 8/17 ANA, lot 3827 realized \$152,750; Sidney F. Martin (Stack's Bowers, 3/2023), lot 1082, realized \$72,000.



11. **PCGSAG3:** Metropolitan New York Convention (Stack's, 5/1968), lot 52, Taylor-Bowers & Merena 3/87 lot 2097 realized \$935, Heritage 1/18 FUN lot 4715 realized \$15,600. (this is probably the B. Green 5/12/05, Brand journal #29169 coin. See L below)

Other Appearances

- A. Perfect beautiful impression.** Joseph Finotti Collection (W. Elliot Woodward, 11/1862), lot 1521, realized \$115; William Lilliendahl; Lilliendahl Collection (William Strobridge, 12/1863), lot 1185, realized \$275.
- B. Grade Unknown.** Benjamin Haines Collection (Bangs, Merwin & Co., 1/1863); Jeremiah Colburn (W. Elliot Woodward, 10/1863), lot 2625.
- C. Very Fine.** John F. McCoy; McCoy Collection (W. Elliot Woodward, 5/1864), lot 1760, realized \$126; Colin Lightbody; Lightbody Collection (Edward Cogan, 12/1866), lot 450, realized \$92.50; Heman Ely; Ely Collection (W. Elliot Woodward, 1/1884), lot 1014.
- D. Fair.** W.C. Prime Collection (Bangs, Merwin & Co., 12/1864); Dr. F.S. Edwards Collection (Edward Cogan, 10/1865), lot 2642, realized \$25.
- E. Grade unknown.** Colin Lightbody; Sixth Semi-Annual Sale (W. Elliot Woodward, 3/1865), lot 2629, realized \$85 to "Irving."
- F. Fine.** Joseph Mickley Collection (W. Elliot Woodward, 10/1867), lot 2452, realized \$32.50 to "Wall."
- G. Good.** Alexander Balmanno Collection (John W. Haseltine, 4/1873), lot 479, realized \$32 to Hudson.
- H. Good impression.** Carson Brevoort; Lorin G. Parmelee; Parmelee Collection (Strobridge, 6/1876), lot 1482, realized \$28.
- I. Grade unknown.** Colonel James H. Taylor Collection (William Strobridge, 11/1875), lot 1051, realized \$38.50.
- J. Grade unknown.** Ninety-Ninth Sale (W. Elliot Woodward, 9/1888), lot 1265 at \$70.
- K. Grade unknown.** An example purchased from Low 12/23/97 \$135 by Virgil Brand (Journal #17761). Same as #10 ?
- L. Grade unknown.** An example purchased from B Green 5/12/05 \$20 by Virgil Brand (Journal #29169), same as #12 ?
- M. Grade unknown.** An example in the collection of DeWitt Smith; purchased by Virgil Brand in 1908 (Journal #46444); Armin Brand. Same as #8 or #1 ??
- N. Very Fine.** George H. Hall Collection (Stack's, 5/1945), lot 34.
- O. Fine.** Baum Collection (Stack's, 5/1947), lot 707 ?? (not found in auction catalog)

Addenda:

August 2, 1949

Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stroes, Inc.
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 25th,
as well as the receipt of the coins.

In regards to the New York Clinton Cent, this was just
recently out of the Allen Harper collection. He purchased
it at the Buffalo Convention Sale of the Prann collection.
Prior to that I purchased the coin from the late B. G.
Johnson (out of the Col. Green-Newcomber collection) and
sold it to Mr. Prann.

In regards to the material which you kept being genuine,
any coin sold by me is guaranteed genuine indefinitely.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Note: Newman wrote to Harper as apparently, the Uncirculated piece is not the Prann coin.

August 22, 1949

Mr. Allen Harper
7300 Brooklyn Avenue
Kansas City 6, Missouri

Dear Mr. Harper:

I recently acquired from Mr. James Kelly your specimen of the Clinton cent. I asked him where you acquired it, as it is such a beautiful item, and he indicated he thought it was from the Prann collection. I examined the two Clinton cents in the Prann collection, and your specimen, of course, was acquired otherwise. I am wondering if you can tell me the source of this item.

In view of your interest in Colonial coins, I am sure you will enjoy seeing portions of my collection if you will just call me any time you happen to be in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

/Regrettably, if Eric received a reply, it is not noted on the portal.